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**BOND '26**  
**ROCK HILLS**  
**SCHOOL BOND ELECTION**  
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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL BOND ELECTION BALLOT

Voters will see **two bond propositions** on the ballot.

### Proposition 1 - HVAC for the Jr/Sr High School

### Proposition 2 - New Additions for Controlled Access Entrances

It is important to understand that Proposition 1 (HVAC) **must pass in order for** Proposition 2 (Entrances) to take effect.

If Proposition 1 **does not pass**, Proposition 2 **cannot be approved**, even it receives a majority of votes. In other words, **Proposition 2 is contingent upon the approval of Proposition 1.**

We encourage all voters to review both propositions carefully so they understand how the questions are connected before casting their ballot.

For more information, please visit [www.usd107.org](http://www.usd107.org) or contact the district office at **785-378-3102**.

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:**  
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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

### WHAT CAN A BOND PAY FOR? DOES IT INCLUDE INCREASES IN STAFF PAY?

A bond can only be used for capital improvements, such as building renovations, new construction, safety upgrades, and major facility repairs.

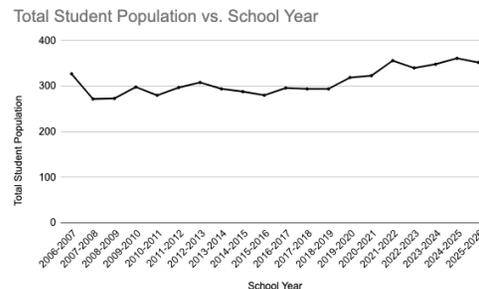
By law, bond funds cannot be used for staff salaries, classroom supplies, or daily operations.

While the bond doesn't directly fund salaries, investing in updated, efficient facilities helps stretch the district's capital outlay funds, allowing more resources to support classrooms and student programs.

### IS THERE CERTAINTY THAT THE SCHOOL WILL OUTLIVE THE LENGTH OF THE BOND? IS THERE ENOUGH CURRENT AND PROJECTED ENROLLMENT?

**Enrollment is currently higher** than it was when Rock Hills was established in 2006. Among the 112 Class 1A school districts in Kansas, Rock Hills ranks as the **30th largest**, meaning **82 districts are smaller**. We currently have over **20 more students** this year than we did in 2006.

Our schools have had stable enrollment for the past twenty years. There is no reason to think our schools will not be here for the duration of this bond.



### HAS THE DISTRICT MANAGED PREVIOUS BUDGETS RESPONSIBLY? IF SO, HOW DID WE END UP WITH SO MANY URGENT NEEDS?

Yes. The district has a strong record of responsible financial management and facility maintenance. For example, the HVAC system at the high school — expected to last 35–40 years — has operated for 56 years due to diligent maintenance. However, the system is now at the end of its usable life and cannot be repaired cost-effectively.

Some systems, like HVAC and roofs, eventually exceed what a regular operating budget can handle, which is why bonds are necessary for major replacements.

### WHY CAN'T EXISTING CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS COVER THESE IMPROVEMENTS?

Capital outlay funds are used to support ongoing maintenance, repairs, and equipment needs across the district. In recent years, these funds have been invested in **school safety improvements**, including the installation of **new exterior doors, upgraded access controls, additional security cameras, and phone lines in every classroom.**

**However, the district's needs have grown beyond what those limited annual funds can cover.**

To address the larger, long-term issue, the district must look to the community through a bond. This provides the broader support needed to make lasting upgrades.

### WHAT CHECKS AND BALANCES ARE IN PLACE TO KEEP THE MILL LEVY FROM GOING ABOVE WHAT THE DISTRICT IS SAYING IT WILL BE?

Mill levies may vary; however, the total tax revenue collected will remain stable to fulfill the required payment. On an individual basis, your taxed dollar amount will remain the same throughout the life of the bond.

## WHAT IS THE NEED FOR NEW ENTRANCES?

**Controlled access entrances** provide a single, monitored point of entry during the school day, allowing staff to verify and manage all visitors before access is granted. This approach reduces the risk of unauthorized entry, strengthens emergency response and lockdown procedures, and aligns district facilities with current safety standards and best practices. By supporting consistent safety procedures across all buildings, controlled access entrances help create a safer, more secure, and welcoming environment for students, staff, families, and community members.

## ARE NEW SECURE ENTRANCES NECESSARY?

**Yes. Safety remains one of the community's top priorities.** All building entrances will receive security upgrades, and the main entries will be redesigned to create secure vestibules that limit access to the rest of the building. These improvements will also allow for an immediate lockdown and quick notification of local law enforcement, buying valuable time in an emergency.

The district has already implemented multiple layers of safety measures using existing funds. However, the **next step in strengthening school security requires facilities upgrades** to ensure our students and staff are as safe as possible.

## WHAT SECURITY MEASUREMENTS WERE INSTALLED IN THE LAST YEAR AND COST? FINALIZE THE DOOR PROJECT?

The district invested in new exterior doors and badge access controls at both campuses. We now have doors that properly close and lock as well as have better oversight on who has access to our buildings.

## CAN THE HVAC SYSTEM BE REPAIRED INSTEAD OF REPLACED?

The existing system cannot be repaired without replacing the piping located above the ceiling, and those repairs would be **more costly than a full system replacement**. After careful evaluation, the Board determined that the most efficient and cost-effective solution is to proceed with a **complete system replacement**.

This multi-unit system allows for easier maintenance and upkeep, while also providing flexibility to replace or upgrade individual units as they reach the end of their lifespan.

## HOW MUCH WILL BE USED FOR THE REPAIRS OR NEW UNIT REQUIRED FOR THE HVAC FROM THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND?

The HVAC projects will be funded through bond proceeds. Capital Outlay funds are designated for other anticipated expenses over the next several years, including general maintenance, buses and the transportation fleet, flooring updates, and air conditioning for the Woods Shop, among other needs.

## WILL LOCAL COMPANIES HAVE THE ABILITY TO BID ON CERTAIN PROJECTS?

The project can be bid out in packages which allow local contractors to bid on the project.

For instance, if there is a local electrician that cannot do the whole project but could do part of the project. The exterior light poles can be separated out.

If a local concrete contractor does not want to bid on the entire project, but could work on a smaller portion such as the exterior sidewalks, this can be a separate bid as well.

## HOW MANY BIDS DID YOU RECEIVE FOR THE JOB? FROM WHOM?

Nothing has gone to bid at this time. Jobs will be bid out by the CMAR with a successful bond election.

## IN THE NEWSPAPER, IT INDICATES YOU ARE PAYING A FINANCIAL CONSULTANT. WHO IS THE CONSULTANT?

Piper Sandler will assist the district with bond financing if the election is successful. There will be no financial obligation to Piper Sandler unless the bond issue is approved by voters.

## WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION BEGIN AND FINISH?

HVAC construction is anticipated to **begin in May 2026** and be **completed by August 2026**. Several projects will be completed over the summer and be ready for the 2026-27 school year. To accommodate this large scope of work, the start of the school year may be delayed. A small number of projects may continue into the fall; however, they will not disrupt the school day or the learning environment.

## WHY IS THE HVAC NEEDED?

For several years, the district has worked with the community to assess facility needs. The most consistent and significant feedback has been the need for updated, efficient, and reliable school facilities.

A facilities study confirmed that critical systems at the Jr/Sr High School, specifically the HVAC and piping, are failing. At 57 years old, these systems are well beyond their expected lifespan. Despite careful maintenance, they can no longer be repaired in a cost-effective way. Temporary fixes are keeping the building operational, but a full HVAC failure could disrupt school operations, potentially forcing closures.

Replacing these systems exceeds what the district's regular budget can handle. The proposed bond would fund a modern, efficient HVAC system designed for easier maintenance, lower long-term costs, and greater reliability. The district has managed its finances responsibly. The existing system lasted more than 10-15 years beyond its expected life, and must now be replaced.

At this point, continued patchwork repairs are no longer practical. This bond provides a responsible, longterm solution to protect students, maintain safe schools, and support learning for years to come.

## WHY ARE CONTROLLED ACCESS ENTRANCES NEEDED?

- Provide a single, controlled point of entry during the school day
- Improve student, staff, and visitor safety
- Allow staff to verify and monitor all visitors before granting access
- Reduce the risk of unauthorized entry into school buildings
- Enhance emergency response and lockdown procedures
- Align school facilities with current safety standards and best practices
- Creates a safer, more welcoming entrance for families and community members
- Supports consistent safety procedures across all district buildings